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The listed items were all cited in a European Search Report mailed February 21, 2007 by the European Patent Office in corresponding European Patent Application No. EP03 770 656.1, which discloses subject matter related to the subject application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. Also cited in the Search Report were U.S. Patent Nos. 5,002,557, 5,707,382, 5,772,680; 5,893,866 and 6,351,543, each of which is already of record in this application.

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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